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PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS PO Box 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified Application requests a two (2) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on October 29, 2004. With this Extension, the time to respond is now set at December 29, 2004. Applicant submits herewith a check in the sum of \$450.00 for the fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit our Account No. 23-0280 for any payment deficiencies or overpayments in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 29, 2004

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